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TEXT FOLLOWS OF NEWEST DRAFT OF ATLANTIC DECLARATION AS
AGREED TO BY US AND FRENCH DELEGATION, EXCEPTED AS BRACKETED,
FOR CONSIDERATION FIRST BY THOUGHT GROUP (SEE SEPTEL) AND THEN
BY NAC.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE FIFTEEN NATIONS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE --
BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,
GREECE, ICELAND, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY,
PORTUGAL, TURKEY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA -- DECLARE THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, SIGNED 25 YEARS
AGO, TO WHICH THEY ADHERE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THEIR FREEDOMS AND
THEIR INDEPENDENCE, ATTESTS TO THE SOLIDARITY AND COMMON DESTINY
OF THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA AND THEIR PEOPLES.
UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE TREATY, WESTERN EUROPE HAS REBUILT
FROM ITS RUINS AND LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF ITS UNITY, ALL OF THE
ALLIES HAVE ATTAINED AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF PROSPERITY, AND
THE PRECEPTS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION HAVE BEEN PRESERVED.

2. IN RECENT YEARS, GREAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON THE
ROAD TOWARDS DETENTE AND HARMONY AMONG NATIONS, TO A POINT WHERE
AT A CONFERENCE INVOLVING 35 COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA
IT IS NOT PORPOSED TO LAY DOWN GUIDELINES DESIGNED TO INCREASE
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SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE
WELCOME THIS; BUT UNTIL CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT THE INTRODUCTION
OF GENERAL, COMPLETE AND CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT, WHICH ALONE COULD
PROVIDE GENUINE SECURITY FOR ALL, THE TIES UNITING THEM MUST BE

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MAINTAINED. STATES THAT WISH TO PRESERVE PEACE HAVE NEVER ACHIEVED
THIS AIM BY NEGLECTING THE DEMANDS OF THEIR OWN SECURITY.

3. THEM MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE REAFFIRM THAT THEIR COMMON
DEFENSE IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE. /THE COMMON AIM IS TO PREVENT
THE OUTBREAK F A CONFLICT IN WHICH THE STAKE, THROUGH THE DESTRUCTION
OF ANY MEMBER-NATION'S INDEPENDENCE, WOULD BE THE DOMINATION OF THE
WORLD./ AT THE SAME TIME, THEY REALIZE THAT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE
SOVIET UNION TO A POINT OF NEAR EQUILIBRIUM, /WHILE EUROPE REMAINED
VULNERABLE TO ALL FORMS OF CONFLICT,/ THE CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING
THEIR COMMON DEFENSE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED IN THE LAST
TEN YEARS. CONSEQUENTLY THE ALLIANCE'S PROBLEMS IN THE DEFENSE OF
EUROPE HAVE ASSUMED A DIFFERENT AND MORE SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

4. THIS NEW SITUATION IN NO WAY ALTERS THE ESSENTIAL FACTS:

-- THE ALLIES, /THROUGH THE TREATY, HAVE PLEDGED THAT AN
ATTACK AGAINST ONE OR MORE OF THEM IN EUROPE OR NORTH AMERICA
SHALL BE CONSIDERED AN ATTACK AGAINST THEM ALL./

OR:

-- THE ALLIES, /BY FREELY CHOOSING TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLE
THAT AN ATTACK ON ONE OR MORE OF THEM IN EUROPE OR NORTH AMERICA
SHALL BE CONSIDERED AN ATTACK AGAINST THEM ALL, AND BY SHARING AS
PARTNERS IN THE DEFENSE OF THE ENTIRE TREATY AREA, ENHANCE THE
DETERRENT AND THEREBY DIMINISH THE DANGER OF ATTACK TO WHICH ANY
INDIVIDUAL MEMBER-NATION WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXPOSED./

-- THERE IS NO /PRESENT/ ALTERNATIVE /FOR THE FORESEEABLE
FUTURE/ TO THE SECURITY PROVIDED FOR THE ENTIRE ALLIANCE BY
UNITED STATES NUCLEAR FORCES BASED IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,
AND BY THE PRESENCE OF NORTH AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE.

5. NEVERTHELESS, THE ALLIANCE MUST NOW PAY MORE CAREFUL
ATTENTION TO THE DANGERS TO WHICH T IS EXPOSED IN THE EUROPEAN
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REGION, AND MUST ADOPT ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO AVERT THEM.
/THE COMMON AIM BEING TO MAINTAIN THE CAPACITY TO PREVENT AN
ATTACK ON THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE OR ON ANY OF ITS MEMBER-NATIONS,
THE STAKE OF WHICH WOULD BE, THROUGH THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPE'S
OR OF ANY MEMBER-NATION'S INDEPENDENCE, THE DOMINATION OF THE WORLD./
THE RUEOPEAN MEMBERS, WHO PROVIDE THREE-QUARTERS OF THE CONVENTIONAL
STRENGTH OF THE ALLIANCE IN EUROPE, AND TWO OF WHOM POSSESS NUCLEAR
FORCES CAPABLE OF PLAYING A DETERRENT ROLE OF THEIR OWN, UNDERTAKE
TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTAIN THE COMMON DEFENSE
AT A LEVEL CAPABLE OF DETERRING ALL ACTIONS DIRECTED AGAINST THEIR
INDEPENDENCE OR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND OF REPELLING ALL AGGRESSION,

SHOULD DETERRENCE FAIL. THE UNITED STATES, FOR ITS PART, DECLARES

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THAT IT WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY SITUATION WHICH WOULD EXPOSE EUROPE
TO EXTERNAL POLITICAL OR MILITARY PRESSURE LIKELY TO DEPRIVE IT OF
ITS FREEDOM. THE UNITED STATES REAFFIRMS THAT IT WILL MAINTAIN
ITS FORCES IN EUROPE AT THE LEVEL REQUIRED TO SUSTAIN THE CREDIBILITY
OF THE STRATEGY OF DETERRENCE AND TO MAINTAIN THE CAPACITY TO DEFEND
THE NORTH ATLANTIC AREA SHOULD DETERRENCE FAIL /AND THAT THE AIM
OF ITS AGREEMENT OF 22ND JUNE, 1973, WITH THE SOVIET UNION IS TO
PREVENT WAR IN ALL ITS FORMS, NOT TO LAY DOWN RULES AND LIMITS
UNDER WHICH WAR WOULD BE WAGED/.

6. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE MEMBER-NATIONS OF THE ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE AFFIRM THAT AS THE ULTIMATE AIM OF ANY DEFENSE POLICY
IS TO DENY A POTENTIAL ADVERSARY THE OBJECTIVES HE SEEKS TO ACHIEVE
BY STARTING A CONFLICT, ALL THEIR FORCES WOULD, IF NEECESSARY, BE
USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. /THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THEIR WILLINGNESS
TO DEFEND THEMSELVES WITH ALL WEAPONS AT THEIR DISPOSAL CONTINUES
TO BE THE BEST ASSURANCE THAT NO WAR OF ANY KIND WILL BE LAUNCHED
AGAINST THE ALLIANCE. NONETHELESS, THE ALLIES REAFFIRM THAT
A MAJOR AIM OF THEIR POLICIES IS TO SEEK AGREEMENTS THAT WILL
REDUCE THE RISK OF WAR./

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8. WITH THIS IN VIEW, IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE CONTINUED
PRESENCE OF CANADIAN AND SUBSTANTIAL UNITED STATE FORCES IN
EUROPE PLAYS AN IRREPLACEABLE ROLE IN THE DEFENSE OF NORTH
AMERICA, AS WELL AS OF EUROPE; SIMILARLY, THS SUBSTANTIAL FORCES
OF THE EUROPEAN ALLIES SERVE TO DEFEND EUROPE, AND NORTH AMERICA
AS WELL. IT IS ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT THE PROGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TOWARDS POLITICAL UNION SHOULD HAVE, IN DUE
COURSE, BENEFICIAL EFFECTS ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF THOSE OF ITS
MEMBER-NATIONS WHICH ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

9. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE CONSIDER THAT THE WILL TO
COMBINE THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THEIR COMMON DEFENSE OBLIGES
THEM TO NEGLECT NOTHING WHICH MIGHT IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF
THEIR FORCES, AND THAT EACH SHOULD UNDERTAKE, ACCORDING TO ITS

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PLACE IN THE ALLIANCE, ITS PROPER SHARE OF THE BURDEN OF
MAINTAINING THE SECURITY OF ALL. CONVERSLY, THEY TAKE THE VIEW
THAT, IN THE COURSE OF CURRENT OR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, NOTHING
MUST BE ACCEPTED WHICH COULD DIMINISH THIS SECURITY.

10. /THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE ARE MORE CONVINCED THAN
EVER THAT THEIR HIGHEST AIMS WILL BE ACHIEVED ONLY IF THEY
COOPERATE AND CONSULT, IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL TRUST, ESPECIALLY
WHEN THEY ARE NOT FULLY IN ACCORD, ON ALL PROBLEMS OF COMMON
INTEREST, AS BEFITS ALLIES WHO SHARE A COMMON DESTINY AND WHO
UNDERSTAND WELL THAT EACH BENEFITS FROM THE STRENGTH -- POLITICAL,
MILITARY AND ECONOMIC -- OF THE OTHERS. SINCE DETENTE AND DEFENSE
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ARE COMPLEMENTARY, THEY WILL IN PARTICULAR KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED
OF DEVELOPMENTS AND PROGRESS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. RECOGNIZING
THAT THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD IS CONFRONTED WITH SEVERE NEW CHALLENGES
TO THE WELL-BEING OF ALL PEOPLES, THEY WILL SEEK TO ADD FRESH
DIMENSIONS TO THEIR COOPERATION. FURTHERMORE, WHILE ABIDING BY
THEIR INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS AND ANY COMMITMENTS THEY HAVE JOINTLY
UNDERTAKEN, THEY WILL SEEK TO REMOVE SOURCES OF CONFLICT AND TO
ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC COLLABORATION AMONG THEMSELVES./

OR:

/THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE ARE CONVINCED, NOW AS BEFORE,
THAT THEIR AIMS WILL BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE
CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION IN MUTUAL TRUST ON ALL THEIR COMMON
PROBLEMS. SINCE DETENTE AND DEFENSE ARE COMPLEMENTARY, THEY WILL
IN PARTICULAR KEEP EAC OTHER INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND
PROGRESS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. FURTHERMORE, WHILE ABIDING BY
THEIR INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS AND ANY COMMITMENTS THEY HAVE JOINTLY
UNDERTAKEN, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO REMOVE SOURCES OF CONFLICT
BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES, AND TO ENCOURAGE
ECONOMIC COLLABORATION WITH ONE ANOTHER./

11. THEY RECALL THAT THEIR SOLIDARITY IS BASED ON A COMMON
DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, RESPECT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS, WHICH ARE THE FRUITS OF
THEIR SHARED SPIRITUAL HERITAGE AND WHICH THEY ARE RESOLVED TO
UPHOLD. SINCE THESE PRINCIPLES, BY THEIR VERY NATURE, FORBID
ANY RECOURSE TO METHODS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PROMOTION OF WORLD
PEACE, THEY REAFFIRM THAT THE EFFORTS WHICH THEY MAKE TO PRESERVE
THEIR INDEPENDENCE, TO MAINTAIN THEIR SECURITY AND TO IMPROVE
THE IVING STANDARDS OF THEIR PEOPLES EXCLUDE ALL FORMS OF
AGREEEION AGAINST ANYONE, ARE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY OTHER
COUNTRY, AND ARE DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

IN EUROPE, THEIR OBJECTIVE CONTINUES TO BE THE PURSUIT OF
UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH EVERY EUROPEAN COUNTRY. IN
THE WORLD AT LARGE, THEY RECOGNIZE THAT EACH OF THEM HAS SPECIAL

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OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET BENEFITED FROM ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS.

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12. NOW, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, THE MEMBER-NATIONS LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND / , CONFIDENT THAT THE VITALITY AND ASPIRATINS OF THEIR PEOPLES ARE COMMENSURATE TO THE TASK,/ DECLARE THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE /CONTINUES TO SERVE AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE LASTING PEACE THEY ARE DETERMINED TO BUILD FOR THIER OWN AND FUTURE GENERATIONS/ /IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE PEACE THEY ARE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN/.

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